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## Wellness Tips from Naval Hospital Jacksonville

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Everyone looks to their health care provider to help fix them when they're sick or injured — but most people also want to do what they can to stay well — to feel good, stay actively engaged with life, prevent premature aging and (for service members) maintain medical readiness. At Naval Hospital Jacksonville, our staff works collaboratively with patients to not only manage illness but to enhance wellness.

People can play an active role not only with their own healthy choices – eating well, exercising and not smoking – but also by understanding the preventive health guidelines for their age

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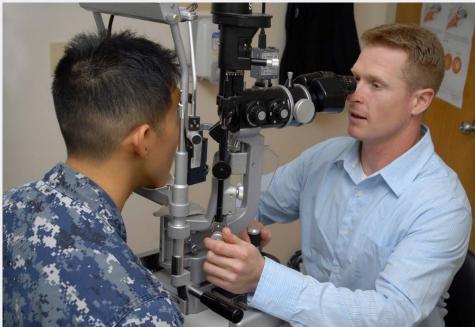
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and gender. Screenings are important for maintaining health, getting medical advice and identifying any problems early for optimal treatment.

Here are some healthy tips:

- Children and teens need regular medical and dental checkups and all recommended immunizations.
- Adults need regular medical and dental checkups, as well as immunizations including an annual flu shot. Older adults also need eye checks, pneumococcal vaccine (ages 65 and over), and colorectal screening such as colonoscopy (starting at age 50).
- Women also need regular pap tests, checkups during pregnancy and starting at age 40 mammograms.
- Patients with diabetes need regular blood tests, urine tests, foot checks and eye checks.
- Patients with asthma need to ensure they have a management plan in place and take medications properly.



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Nov. 29, 2012) — Justin Strickland, Naval Hospital Jacksonville optometrist, examines the eyes of Electronics Technician 3rd Class Damen Fong during a secheduled eye exam. Naval Hospital Jacksonville's mission is to heal our nation's heroes and their families. (Photo by Jacob Sippel)

More screening information is available from <u>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force</u>, <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, and <u>American Academy of Pediatrics</u>.

- To verify benefits for the various TRICARE medical and dental plans, contact TRICARE health benefits advisors at 542-9164/9165 or check the TRICARE website at <a href="https://www.tricare.mil">www.tricare.mil</a>.
- Patients can take advantage of wellness services by scheduling a check-up with their Primary Care Manager (PCM). For patients with a PCM at NH Jacksonville, call Central Appointments at 542-4677 (for Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville, call 546-7094/7095).
- Patients can also contact NH Jacksonville resources such as the Wellness Center (next to the base fitness center) at 542-5292, Deployment Health Center at 546-7099, Mental Health at 542-3473, Immunizations at 542-7810, pregnancy and parenting classes at 542-BABY (2229), Breast Care Center (542-9360 or 542-7857), Diabetes Center at 542-9178, Nutrition at 542-9786, and the weight loss surgery program at 542-7524.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville's priority since its founding in 1941 is to heal our nation's heroes

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and their families. The command is comprised of a hospital and five branch health clinics across Florida and Georgia. Of its patient population – 215,000 active and retired sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen, guardsmen and their families – more than 57,000 are enrolled with a PCM. Each day, a dedicated team of 2,500 military and civilian personnel sees 1,800 outpatients and 315 dental patients, admits 15 inpatients, cares for 80 people in the ER, performs 14 same-day surgeries, fills 4,700 prescriptions, conducts 4,600 lab tests and delivers two to three babies. Additionally, up to eight percent of NH Jacksonville active duty staff is deployed around the globe providing combat and humanitarian care. Keep up with news by visiting the website (www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax), liking the Facebook page (www.facebook/NavalHospitalJacksonville) and following on Twitter (www.twitter.com/NHJax).

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